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## City of Milwaukee Health Department to Host Final Back-to-School Health Fair of 2017

Free health services and screenings to be provided Aug. 11 at Hayes Bilingual School

MILWAUKEE – With the start of the school year just days away for some area children, Mayor Tom Barrett and the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will hold the final Back-to-School Health Fair of the season on Friday, Aug. 11 at Hayes Bilingual School (971 W. Windlake Ave.). The event will run from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and offer free school-required vaccinations for children without private insurance, as well as lead testing, vision screenings, blood pressure and blood sugar checks, and more, including back-to-school haircuts.

"Our annual Back-to-School Health Fairs offer families an opportunity to get their children ready for a healthy school year," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "We are thankful to our generous sponsors for their support and to all the organizations providing services and resources at the events."

The annual health fairs are presented by the City of Milwaukee Health Department and United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County in partnership with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Children's Community Health Plan, and Molina Healthcare. Community partners include Anthem BlueCross and BlueShield, MHS Health Wisconsin, Independent Care Health Plan, and Milwaukee Urban League.

"Each year we serve thousands of attendees at our annual Back-to-School Health Fairs," said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. "Ensuring that families have access to required vaccinations and important health screenings is essential to keeping schools and our community healthy year-round."

Free backpacks and school supplies will be provided to children with an up-to-date shot record, or those who receive vaccinations and lead testing at the fairs. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to receive gifts and services. For more information, call (414) 286-3521 or visit Milwaukee.gov/health.

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